GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAK SHELLING ON BORDER
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses damaged and life and property lost due to Pakistani shelling along the border/line of control during the last one year, till date;

(b) the number of Casualties and families affected as a result thereof;

(c) the compensation paid to the affected persons; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for their rehabilitation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): As reported by Government of J&K, the details of loss of life and property during last one year between 1.11.2001 and 31.10.2002 as a result of shelling along the boarder/LoC of J&K is given as under:-

Casualties

Civilians killed 83
Security Forces personnel killed 65
Civilians injured 376
Security Forces personnel injured 170

Property damaged

Government buildings 8
Schools 4
Houses 207
Huts/Kuthars 28
Religious places 5
Cattle killed 222
Cattle injured 165

There are no reports of loss of life/damage to property from other States bordering Pakistan.

(c) & (d): As intimated by the State Government of J&K, 30771 families comprising 153131 persons have migrated from their villages near IB/LOC of the Districts Kathua, Rajouri, Jammu and Poonch of J&K following the increased tension on the Internationa Border/Line of Control in J&K. Camps for border migrants have been set up in the above districts.

A sum of Rs. 1 Lakh has been given by Government of J&K as ex-gratia relief to the NoKs of the civilians killed and Rs. 75000/- Rs. 5000/- and Rs. 1000/- for permanent disability, grievous injury and minor injury respectively.

The state Government has also announced and implemented a relief package to border migrants in J&K as under-

(i) free ration @ 11 kgs per person per month;

(ii) free kerosene oil @ 10 litres per family per month;

(iii) cash assistance @ Rs. 400/- per person per month limited to Rs 1600/- per family per month;

(iv) free medical aid to all the displaced persons;

(v) cash assistance for fodder @ Rs. 300/- per animal rearing family per month in those areas, which have been mined, as identified by respective Deputy Commissioners; and

(vi) free ration at sanctioned scale at the place of residence in case any of the migrants wish to return.

Expenditure on items (i) to (v) of the relief package for border migrants in J&K is reimbursed to the state Government of J&K by Government of India.